## **SENATE BILL 621**

## By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, relative to the exercising of due care by motor vehicle drivers.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 2, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 55-8-202. No person shall operate a motor vehicle with an unrestrained animal in the front driver seat. For the purposes of this section, a restrained animal means an animal secured in a harness or vehicle seat, confined in a box, or hard or soft sided travel crate, or being held by a person in the front passenger seat or in a rear seat. A violation of this section is punishable as provided by § 55-8-136.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.